Programs so far at High Cliff State Park in 2014 - more to follow Cynthia Mueller, Naturalist Educator cynthia.mueller@wisconsin.gov

Wednesday April 2 Wake up Spring! 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Cindy Mueller, High Cliff Naturalist and Rob Zimmer, Post Crescent Staff Writer/Yard MD team up for a series of informative and fun spring hikes beginning on April 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Explore a different trail each hike to see what is blooming and buzzing at High Cliff. Meet at the Park Office

Wednesday April 16 Welcome Spring! 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Cindy Mueller, High Cliff Naturalist and Rob Zimmer, Post Crescent Staff Writer/Yard MD team up for informative and fun spring hikes. Explore a different trail each hike in April and May to see what is blooming and buzzing at High Cliff. Meet at the Park Office

## Saturday - April 26

## **Annual Arbor Day Tree Planting and Park Clean-Up**

9:00 a.m. Tree Planting - meet at Pavilion in Upper Park 9:00-2:00 Park Clean-Up - pick up bags at Pavilion or office

Groups, families, and individuals are encouraged to participate in planting trees and helping with a spring clean up of the park. Groups of 6 or more are asked to pre-register by calling the park office or email cynthia.mueller@wisconsin.gov Friends of High Cliff will serve a free lunch for all REGISTERED volunteers.

#### Thursday, May 1st

#### **3rd Annual High Cliff Migratory Bird Hike**

In conjunction with International Migratory Bird Day, the 3rd Annual High Cliff Migratory Bird Hike will take place on May 1st at 6:30 a.m. with Park Volunteer, Terri Welisek Meet at the Marina Parking Lot

Take a gentle walk for 1 hour exploring the varied habitats of the Butterfly Pond Trail for Herons, colorful Warblers, Scarlet Tanagers, Swallows, Osprey and more. Learn trivia about each species we encounter-. Drab clothing recommended, no bright colors or white please. Cameras welcome. Binocular a must! If you need a loaner binocular contact the park office a few days in advance and it will be issued upon arrival. This experience suitable for wheelchairs/scooters. Event occurs rain or shine.

#### Wednesday - May 7

# Wings and Wildflowers Hike Part 1

Join Cindy Mueller, High Cliff Naturalist and Rob Zimmer, Post Crescent Staff Writer/Yard MD for hikes in May. By then the park should be exploding birds and blooms. Explore a different trail each hike to see what is buzzing at High Cliff. Meet at the Park Office at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday - May 21
Wings and Wildflowers Hike Part 2

Join Cindy Mueller, High Cliff Naturalist and Rob Zimmer, Post Crescent Staff Writer/Yard MD for part two of the Wings and Wildflowers May Hikes. Enjoy the sights and smells of spring green at High Cliff. Meet at the Park Office at 9:00 a.m.

# Saturday - June 7th **Kids Learn to Fish Clinic**

1:00-3:00 pm - Free program for kids 5 and up - parents encouraged to attend. Learn to Fish with Pro Fisherman Greg Karch is one of the best fishing clinics you will find anywhere. Space is limited, so register early. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-registration is required. Call the park office at (920) 989-1106 or email the park naturalist at cynthia.mueller@wisconsin.gov for details.

#### Saturday - June 14

**High Cliff Triathlon** will be held at High Cliff State Park For details contact Midwest Sports at www.midwestsports.com

## Saturday - June 14

#### **Homemade Campfire Starters**

Learn how to make inexpensive fire starters for your next camping trip. Guaranteed to be a hands-on and exceptionally entertaining workshop that you will not soon forget. Presented by park staff, Linda and Amy. Pre-registration appreciated. Call Park Office (920) 989-1106 to register and ask for location.

#### Saturday June 21

## **Purple Martin Ecology and Banding Demonstration**

Dick Nikolai, Retired WDNR Wildlife Biologist and Bob Ring, Martin Caretaker talk about Purple martin ecology and demonstrate bird banding at one of the High Cliff colonies.

Indoor program in park office at 10:00 am, then bird banding demo until 2:00 pm - weather dependent.

# Saturday June 28 **Summer Bird Hike**

7:30 a.m.

Tony Nowak, Park Volunteer and Greenville Forester will lead a summer bird hike. Bring binoculars, dress for the weather, and meet at the Park Office - Please call to pre-register.

# Saturday July 26 Wild About Wildlife 1:00-2:00 p.m.

Naturalists and some lively critters from the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary in Green Bay will make a guest appearance at High Cliff State Park on Saturday, July 26th at 1:00 p.m. The entourage of furry, feathered and maybe even scaly creatures will delight visitors of all ages on the lawn of the General Store Museum. Please do not bring dogs or other pets to this program.